

November 14, 2018

The Honorable Roy Blunt
Chairman
Committee on Rules and Administration
U.S. Senate
301 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In accordance with 44 U.S.C. 3903 and the relevant provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, I am transmitting to Congress the Semiannual Report of the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) for the U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) covering the 6-month period of April 1 through September 30, 2018, along with the following information as required by law.

This letter meets GPO management's statutory obligation to provide comments on the OIG's report and highlights management actions taken on the OIG's recommendations, which may relate to more than one reporting period.

Change in GPO's IG. In accordance with 44 U.S.C. 3902, Melinda M. Miguel was appointed as GPO's Inspector General effective July 9, 2018. From April 2 through July 9, GPO's OIG was under the supervision of the ranking OIG staff member, Stephen T. Roy, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations (AIGI), as Acting IG, following the retirement of GPO's Inspector General, Michael A. Raponi, at the end of March 2018.

Management Challenges. Four Management Challenges are listed in this report. The OIG reports that GPO continues to address each Management Challenge.

GPO will continue to work with the OIG to take the necessary actions to address and resolve the Management Challenges facing the agency while continuing to meet the information product requirements of Congress, Federal agencies, and the public.

OIG Audit Reports – Current and Prior Period Outstanding Recommendations. During the reporting period, the OIG issued nine audit reports addressing different GPO programs and activities containing a total of 41 program improvement recommendations.

Of significance, GPO recently hired a new Chief Information Officer with two decades of experience working in Federal Government IT and cybersecurity. He is working closely on addressing cybersecurity controls and vulnerabilities requiring planning and implementation of



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necessary corrective actions. This includes GPO's Composition System Replacement, General Services Support System, Contractor Connection Web Application, providing responses to the OIG on Penetration Testing Vulnerabilities, GPOProc Web Application, OnBase Web Application, and GPO's Business Information System Contract Lifecycle Management Web Application.

There were 81 IG recommendations open as of April 1, 2018, including 15 on which corrective action has not been completed in more than one year. During the reporting period, GPO management closed out 32 recommendations.

OIG Investigations. The OIG concluded two investigations during the reporting period. This included Time and Attendance Fraud that resulted in a collection action, GPO Stennis facility waste disposal procedures, as well as several suspension and debarment referrals, among others.

Statistical Tables. Statistical tables as required by law are enclosed.

Should you require additional information with respect to this report, please contact Richard G. Davis, GPO's Acting Chief of Staff, on 202-512-1622, or by email at rdavis@gpo.gov.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
Ranking Member, Committee on Rules and Administration
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Chairman, Committee on House Administration
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Robert A. Brady
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U.S. House of Representatives

ENCLOSURE I

**AUDIT REPORTS ISSUED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD WITH
QUESTIONED COSTS, FUNDS PUT TO BETTER USE, AND OTHER MONETARY
IMPACT**

<u>Report Number</u>	<u>Number of Recommendations</u>	<u>Questioned Costs (\$)</u>	<u>Funds Put to Better Use (\$)</u>	<u>Other Monetary Impact (\$)</u>
18-12	5	0	0	0
18-13	16	0	0	0
18-14	11	0	0	0
18-15	2	0	0	0
18-16	2	0	0	0
18-17	2	0	0	0
18-18	3	0	0	0
18-19	0	0	0	0
18-20	0	0	0	0

ENCLOSURE II

AUDIT REPORTS WITH RECOMMENDATIONS THAT FUNDS BE PUT TO BETTER USE, QUESTIONED COSTS, AND OTHER MONETARY IMPACT

	<u>Number of Reports</u>	<u>Funds Put to Better Use and Other Monetary Impact</u>
Reports for which no management decisions were made by the beginning of the reporting period	0	0
Reports issued during reporting period	9	0
Reports for which a management decision was made during the report period:		
1. Dollar value of recommendations not agreed to by management		0
2. Dollar value of recommendations agreed to by management		0
Reports for which management decision was made by the end of the reporting period	9	0
Reports for which no management decision was made within 6 months of issuance	0	0